

Appln. No. 10/719,241

Amendment dated April 25, 2005

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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

The use of hot boxes is known in the prior art. Illustrative examples of such devices include U.S. Patent No. 4,437,453; U.S. Patent No. 6,033,213; and U.S. Patent No. ~~6,257,88~~ 6,257,880.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

The aperture 40 is positioned within the housing 20 for selectively receiving a heat source 4. Preferably the aperture 40 is positioned through the lower perimeter wall 23. The aperture 40 has a diameter of approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch for selectively receiving a portable torch ~~6~~ as a source of heat for heating the portion of pvc pipe 2 received in the interior space.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

Most preferably, a top aperture 50 is also positioned through the top wall 32. The top aperture 50 has a diameter of approximately two inches for selectively receiving a nozzle of a heat gun ~~8~~ as a source of heat for heating the portion of pvc pipe 2 received in the interior space.